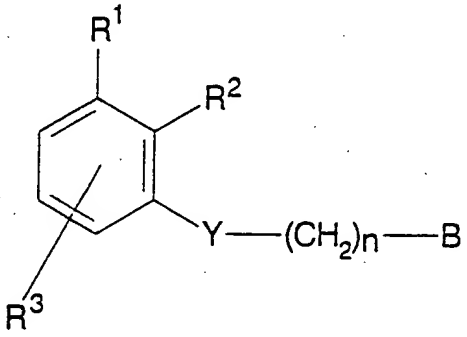
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

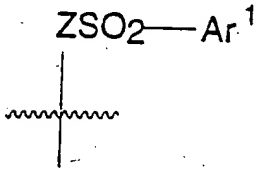
1 (currently amended). A compound of formula I,



I

wherein

one of R^1 and R^2 represents a structural fragment of formula Ia



Ia

and the other represents R^4;

Z represents O or $N(R^5)$;

R^3 represents one or more optional substituents selected from OH, halo, cyano, nitro, $C(O)OR^6$, C_{1-6} alkoxy or C_{1-6} alkyl, ~~(~~which two latter groups are optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more halo or hydroxy group~~)~~, or $N(R^7)R^8$;

R^4 represents H, OH, halo, cyano, nitro, $C(O)OR^6$, C_{1-6} alkoxy or C_{1-6} alkyl, {which two latter groups are optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more halo or hydroxy group}, or $N(R^7)R^8$;

Ar^1 represents phenyl, C_{1-3} alkylphenyl, C_{1-3} alkyldiphenyl, C_{3-7} cycloalkyl, C_{1-3}-alkyl-C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, C_{1-3}-alkyl-di-C_{3-7}-cycloalkyl, naphthyl, C_{1-3} alkylnaphthyl, thienyl, imidazolyl or isoxazolyl, all of which may be substituted by one or more substituent selected from OH, halo, cyano, nitro, $C(O)OR^6$, C_{1-6} alkoxy or C_{1-6} alkyl, {which two latter groups are optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more halo or hydroxy group}, or $N(R^7)R^8$;

R^5 represents H, C_{1-6} alkyl, phenyl or C_{1-3} alkylphenyl, {which three latter groups are optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituent selected from OH, halo, cyano, nitro, $C(O)OR^9$, $C(O)N(R^{10})R^{11}$, $P(O)(R^{12})R^{13}$, $P(O)(OR^{14})OR^{15}$, $S(O)_2(R^{16})R^{17}$, $S(O)_2N(R^{18})R^{19}$, C_{1-6} alkoxy or C_{1-6} alkyl, {which two latter groups are optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more halo or hydroxy group} or $N(R^{20})R^{21}$};

Y represents O, S, S(O), $S(O)_2$ or $N(R^{22})$;

R^{10} and R^{11} independently represent H, OR^{23}, $C(O)R^{24}$, $OC(O)R^{25}$, $C(O)OR^{26}$, C_{1-4} alkyl, {which latter group is optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituent selected from C_{1-4} alkyl, OR^{27}, $N(R^{28})R^{29}$, $C(O)OR^{30}$, $C(O)N(R^{31})R^{32}$, $P(O)(R^{33})R^{34}$, $P(O)(OR^{35})OR^{36}$ and $S(O)_2N(R^{37})R^{38}$), $-(CH_2CH_2O-)_pR^{39}$ or, together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached, form a C_{4-7} nitrogen-containing, aromatic or non-aromatic, ring which ring may contain a further heteroatom or group {as appropriate} selected from O, S and $N(R^{40})$ and may further be substituted by one or

more substituent selected from $C(O)R^{41}$, $C(O)OR^{42}$ or $C(O)N(R^{43})R^{44}$;

R^{28}, R^{29}, R^{30}, R^{31}, R^{32} and R^{40} independently represent H or C_{1-6} alkyl, which latter group is optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituent selected from $C(O)R^{45}$, $C(O)OR^{46}$ or $C(O)N(R^{47})R^{48}$;

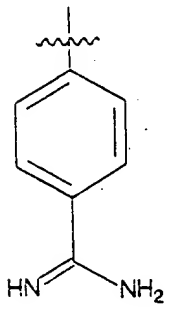
at each occurrence, R^6, R^7 and R^8 independently represent H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

R^9, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14}, R^{15}, R^{16}, R^{17}, R^{18}, R^{19}, R^{20}, R^{21}, R^{22}, R^{23}, R^{24}, R^{25}, R^{26}, R^{27}, R^{33}, R^{34}, R^{35}, R^{36}, R^{37}, R^{38}, R^{39}, R^{41}, R^{42}, R^{43}, R^{44}, R^{45}, R^{46}, R^{47} and R^{48} independently represent H or C_{1-4} alkyl;

n represents 2;

p represents 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6; and

B represents a structural fragment of formula Ib, Ic, Id or Ie



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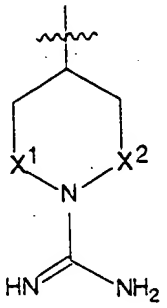

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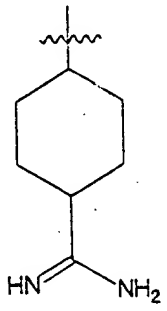

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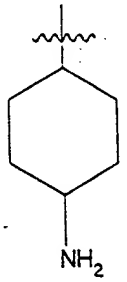

Ie

wherein

X^1 and X^2 independently represent a single bond or CH_2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, wherein, when B represents a structural fragment of formula Ib, Id, Ie or Ic in which latter fragment X^1 and X^2 both represent CH_2, then n represents 2.

3 (cancelled).

4 (previously presented). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, wherein R^2 represents a structural fragment of formula Ia and R^1 represents R^4.

5 (previously presented). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, wherein Z represents O or $N(R^5)$, in which latter case R^5 represents C_{1-6} alkyl terminated by $C(O)N(R^{10})R^{11}$.

6 (previously presented). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, wherein R^3 is not present, or represents methyl, chloro or methoxy.

7 (previously presented). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, wherein Ar^1 represents substituted phenyl.

8 (previously presented). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1 wherein Y represents O.

9 (previously presented). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1

wherein B represents a structural fragment of formula Ib.

10 (original). A compound as claimed in Claim 1 which is:

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl} benzenesulfonamide;

benzenesulfonic acid- {3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methyl}phenyl ester;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-chlorobenzenesulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-cyanobenzene-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-fluorobenzene-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2-(trifluoromethoxy)-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4- aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-4-fluorobenzene-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2,5-dimethylbenzene-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-5-chlorothiophene-2-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-1-methylimidazole-3--sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-3,5-dimethylisoxazole-4-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl} benzylsulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-2,5-dichiorothiophene-3-sulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenyl}-2-chlorobenzenesulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-2-methylphenyl}-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{5-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-2-methylphenyl}benzenesulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenyl} benzenesulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl} benzenesulfonamide;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl) ethoxy]-5-methylphenylaminoacetic acid, ethyl ester;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylaminoacetamide;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylaminoacetic acid;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-2-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}propanoic acid, ethyl ester;

2-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-5-methylphenylamino}propanamide;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-2-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}propanoic acid;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-2-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}propanoic acid, methyl ester;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-3-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}butanoic acid, ethyl ester;

3-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-5-methylphenylamino}butanamide;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-3-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}butanoic acid;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-4-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}pentanoic acid, ethyl ester;

4-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylpheny)ethoxy]-N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-5-methylphenylamino}pentanamide;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-4-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}pentanoic acid;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-5-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}hexanoic acid, ethyl ester;

5-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]- N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-5-methylphenyl amino}pentanamide;

N-(2-chlorophenyl)sulfonyl-5-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenylamino}hexanoic acid;

N-phenylsulfonyl-3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenylaminoacetic acid, ethyl ester;

N-phenylsulfonyl-3-[2-(4- aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenylaminoacetic

acid;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}-N-(dimethyloxophosphinylmethyl)-benzenesulfonamide;

2-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid, 3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methylphenyl ester;

benzenesulfonic acid, 3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl ester;

2-chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfonic acid, 3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)-ethoxy]-5-chlorophenyl ester;

2-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid, 3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-methoxyphenyl ester;

2-chlorobenzenesulfonic acid, 3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]-5-ethylphenyl ester;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}benzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-2,4,5-trichloro-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-2-chloro-5-methoxybenzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-2,5-dibromo-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-2,5-dichloro-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)-ethylthio]-phenyl}-2-methoxy-5-methylbenzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-2,3,5,6-tetramethylbemzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-3,4-dimethoxy-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-3-bromo-benzenesulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-3,4-dibromobenzene-sulfonamide;

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}-2-chloro-4-fluorobenzenesulfonamide; or

N-{2-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethylthio]phenyl}- 5-bromo-2-methoxybenzenesulfonamide.

11 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that R^1 represents a structural fragment of formula Ia and R^2 represents R^4.

12 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that Ar^1 represents optionally substituted phenyl.

13 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that R^5 is not substituted by $P(O)(OR^{14})OR^{15}$, $S(O)_2(R^{16})R^{17}$ or $S(O)_2N(R^{18})R^{19}$.

14 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that R^{10} and/or R^{11} represent H or unsubstituted C_{1-4} alkyl.

15 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that Y represents O, S or $N(R^5)$.

16 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that B represents a structural fragment of formula Ib, Ic, or Id.

17 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that R^2 represents a structural fragment of formula Ia and R^1 represents R^4.

18 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that Ar^1 does not represent optionally substituted phenyl.

19 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that R^5 is substituted by $P(O)(OR^{14})OR^{15}$, $S(O)_2(R^{16})R^{17}$ or $S(O)_2N(R^{18})R^{19}$.

20 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that R^{10} and/or R^{11} do not represent H or unsubstituted C_{1-4} alkyl.

21 (original). A compound of formula I, as defined in claim 1, provided that Y

represents S(O) or $S(O)_2$.

22 (original). A compound of formula I as defined in claim 1, provided that B represents a structural fragment of formula Ie.

23 (previously presented). A pharmaceutical formulation including a compound as defined in claim 1, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, in admixture with a pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvant, diluent or carrier.

24-34 (canceled).